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E.9. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MOPS CU GY AO

SUBJ: TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR CUBAN MILITARY FLIGHTS

REF: STATE 302692; B. GEORGETOWN 2193

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN THAT GUYANA MAY GRANT  
FACILITIES TO CUBAN AIRLIFT AND MAY IN FACT HAVE DONE SO ALREADY  
ON LIMITED BASIS. AS I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SURMISED, I CONTINUE TO  
HARBOR DOUBT THAT A HIGH-LEVEL PERSONAL MESSAGE TO PM BURNHAM WILL  
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PRODUCE THE RESULT WE WANT. I BELIEVE, MOREOVER, WE HAVE GUYANA'S  
FONMIN FRED WILLS ON OUR SIDE IN THIS INSTANCE TO MUCH GREATER  
DEGREE THAN ON OTHER RECENT ISSUES: E.B. KOREA; ZIONISM.

2. I SUGGEST YOU READ MY REPORT OF CONVERSATION AT NOON TODAY

(REFTEL B) WITH FRED WILLS. IN IT YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE CABANS HAVE CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM ASKING FOR USE OF GUYANESE FACILITIES FOR QUOTE MILITARY UNQUOTE PURPOSES AND THAT WILLS BELIEVES BURNHAM WOULD DENY USE OF GUYANESE FACILITIES IF IT WERE DISCOVERED CUBANS WERE VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT BY FERRYING MILITARY PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT ON FLIGHTS TRANSITING GEORGETOWN.

3. BURNHAM IS AN INTENALY PROUD MAN. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE, I AM CONCERNED THAT HE MIGHT MISINTERPRET YOUR MESSAGE AS SET FORTH IN REFTEL, AND THAT THE DELIVERY OF THE MESSAGE MIGHT THEREFORE BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

4. IN LIEU OF DELIVERING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY, I WOULD PROPOSE, FOR YOUR APPROVAL, THAT I SEE FRED WILLS AGAIN AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND PUT CASE TO HIM IN FOLLOWING TERMS. I WOULD SAY THAT HE CANNOT HELP BUT BE AWARE OF USG POSITION ON CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, AND THAT WE WOULD THEREFORE FIND IT INCONSISTENT WITH GOG POLICY ON ANGOLAN CONFLICT, - #3 #- 975)8,3\$ 85 59 .3 8, 974 3;34-) :9,;34 -589, , WERE GUYANA TO ALLOW CUBANS TO USE TIMEHRI AIRPORT, EITHER OPENLY OR COVERTLY, \*94 .8)85-46 07409 3 . I WOULD ADD THAT SINCE MY LAST CONVERSATION I HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE INDICATING CONTINUING CONCERN ON YOUR PART WITH THIS SITUATION, AND THAT IN COUNSELING YOU I WOULD LIKE HIS ADVICE ON WHETHER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOU TO BURNHAM WOULD BE HELPFUL OR OTHERWISE.

5. THIS WOULD GIVE WILLS A OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY YOUR PERSONAL CONCERN TO PM WITHOUT ACTUAL DELIVERY OF MESSAGE AND AVOID RISK OF PUSHING BURNHAM IN WRONG DIRECTION. KREBS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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